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## Peiping Isolated By Communists COMMUNICATIONS WITH TIENTSIN CUT

### Two Airfields Closed

Peiping, Dec. 15.—Chinese Communists completed the isolation of Peiping on Tuesday. They cut the railway to the sea after the Government itself closed the city's airfields.

Authorities disclosed that all traffic to Tientsin was cut when the Reds attacked and destroyed sections of the railway near Langfang, 30 miles South-east of Peiping. Repair gangs were proceeding to the scene, but authorities were in the dark over the number of Communists operating in the area. The railway often has been cut by guerilla raids.

Peiping was on Tuesday isolated with Communist armies almost knocking at her walls. Authorities closed the South airfield, the last airlink with the outside world. The city's West airfield was closed on Monday. Nationalist ground troops were reported looting the West field on Tuesday.

## Resignation Of Chiang Rumours

Washington, Dec. 14.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek could not be contacted at the country home of Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, near here today as reports of her husband's resignation as the President of China circulated.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said Madame Chiang knew of these reports and had been in contact with Nanking. He refused any other information.

The spokesman, referring to suggestions that she was acting as a go-between in the American attempt to persuade the Nanking Government to reach an agreement with the advancing Communists, said Madame Chiang had not seen or spoken to any American officials since her meeting last Friday with President Truman.

He said she would probably stay here for at least another week but her movements after that were still uncertain.—Reuter.

Passenger traffic was halted on the Peiping-Tientsin railway, the only land line to the outside which the Communists do not control. This action was taken owing to troop movement.

The closing of Peiping's two airfields was not readily explained. Well informed sources said that General Chow Jih-jou, head of the Chinese Air Force, ordered planes to withdraw without consulting General Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist Commander on the North China front.

(Associated Press correspondents reported that 103 Nationalist planes from Peiping had arrived at Tientsin where American Marines are based and an equal number at crowded airfields around Nanking.) The withdrawal deprived Gen. Fu of air support at a most critical time. All signs indicated that the days of Nationalist rule in Peiping were about ended.—Associated Press.

#### INCREASINGLY PRECARIOUS

Tientsin, Dec. 14.—The situation around Peiping is growing increasingly precarious with military trucks, troops, supplies congesting the streets and with refugees streaming into the ancient capital while the authorities are preparing for a siege as railway traffic along all the four lines were suspended.

The Peiping-Tientsin railway was demolished between Langfang and Wanchuang, 83 and 74 kilometres respectively from Peiping, with 20 explosions occurring early this morning. A repair train was unable to reach the scene of the demolition and had to turn back at Wanchuang, 44 kilometres from Peiping, owing to the approaching Red troops who promptly attacked Wanchuang.

Simultaneously, fighting has occurred between Peiping and Fengtai, the southern approach to the ancient capital 10 kilometres away. Later in the morning groups of Communists appeared four miles outside Kwangnanmen, a southwestern suburb of Peiping, and heavy gunfire was again audible in the city.

The Mayor, Mr. Liu Yao-chang, told pressmen today that General Fu Tso-yi last night received the Governor of Hebei, Mr. Chu Shichun, the Chairman of the Peiping City Council, Mr. Hsu Hwei-tung, and himself and through them urged assistance among the population, assuring them that food and coal were sufficient for several months.

#### TEMPORARY HOSPITALS

Temporary hospitals were being contemplated and first aid camps were being organized.

The points where fighting occurred today in Peiping's western suburb include Papashan, close to the Marco Polo bridge where the China Incident originated in 1937, and Metokuo, where British-owned mines are located.

Pro-Government reports indicate that the Nationalists stationed in Lutai have already joined the defenders of Hsishio, only 40 kilometres from Tientsin.

The Hanku Operational Headquarters is expected to be evacuated. This will drastically reduce the territory held by the Nationalists in North China, which is limited by a straight line from Peiping, through Tientsin, down to Tangku Harbour. The evacuation of Lutai was undertaken following the appearance of Communist forces behind the Nationalist troops in the vicinity of Chating, 70 kilometres from Tientsin, where fighting has occurred, in order to clear a path for the latest withdrawal.

#### RAILWAY VULNERABLE

With the Communists based at Yutien, directly northward, and at Lutai, the whole railway stretch beyond Tangku is vulnerable to the Communist thrusts and to disruption, which might result in the isolation of General Chu Chi-yo's forces who had taken Lutai immediately after leaving Tangshan.

Meanwhile, General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters in Peiping has been removed from the western suburb inside the capital following the Communist advance.

Simultaneously, communications with the new front line at Lutai, midway between Tangku Harbour and Tangshan, ceased and the latest reports indicate that the Nationalists have evacuated their positions there.

The Tientsin Garrison Headquarters is advancing the curfew from midnight to 8 p.m. while the Garrison Commander, General Chen Chang-chih, issued a statement after a day of wild rumours, including the war's end, discouraging the populace from falling victims to the Communist propaganda offensive in the Nationalist rear and the accompanying whispering campaign. He urged calmness during the present critical situation.—Reuter.

## Eskimo In Hollywood



Quinn, believed to be the first Eskimo girl ever to be brought to Hollywood for a movie role, is greeted in California style in San Francisco by shapely Roberta Tidland. She is going to Hollywood to play in "Arctic Manhunt"—AP Picture.

## PRINCE CHARLES OF EDINBURGH

### Royal Baby's Names Are Announced

London, Dec. 14.—Princess Elizabeth's son will be known as Prince Charles of Edinburgh, it was officially announced tonight from Buckingham Palace. The child will be christened with the full names Charles Philip Arthur George.

The christening will take place at Buckingham Palace at 3.30 tomorrow afternoon. The Archbishop of Canterbury will officiate at the christening.

## HKCC TENANCY TERMINATED

### AFTER 97 YEARS

The Telegraph learns that a letter has been received by the Hongkong Cricket Club from the Colonial Secretary terminating the tenancy of the ground which the club has held since June, 1851.

Members of the Cricket Club have been circumscribed and a special meeting has been called for Monday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m.

It is not known for what purpose the ground is required by Government, but it is understood that the Governor will make reference to the subject at this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting.

Prince Charles' sponsors will be the King, Queen Mary, Princess Margaret, the King of Norway, Prince George of Greece, the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven, Lady Brabourne and the Honourable David Bowes-Lyon.

The infant Prince is second in succession to the Throne. The last King of England to be called Charles was King Charles the Second, who reigned from 1649 to 1685.

The King of Norway and Prince George of Greece will not be present at the christening tomorrow. They are not in Britain and others will stand sponsor for them. Court correspondent, Louis Wulff, reported that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh chose the old Royal name of Charles for their son. Charles will be the family name of the baby Prince. The name Charles is also the family name of King Haakon of Norway, the baby's great-grand uncle. He was known as Prince Charles of Denmark until he accepted the throne of Norway on November 18, 1905.

Philip, the baby's second name, is that of his father, who has only one Christian name, Arthur, is the third of the four names of King George, which are: King George, King George, King George, King George. It is also the name of the first Duke of Connaught, son of Queen Victoria, of his son Prince Arthur of Connaught, and of his grandson, the second Duke of Connaught, who died in April, 1943, aged 20.

The Court correspondent said that Princess Elizabeth and her husband chose Charles "for personal and private reasons." All the eight sponsors are related to the baby.

In giving their baby four names, the Princess and the Duke have followed recent custom in the Royal Family. Princess Elizabeth has three names, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

The christening cake for the baby was brought to Buckingham Palace tonight and placed in one of the State rooms where the reception will be held after the ceremony. The silver tins used at the christening of Queen Victoria's children were also brought today from Windsor Castle to the Palace.—Reuter.



Friedrich Ebert (above), 64, the namesake son of the first Weimar Republic president of Germany, is the newly-elected mayor of the Berlin rump government set up by the Communists in the Soviet zone of the city. A hand-picked convention held in a musical comedy theatre in the Soviet zone split the city wide open by naming the government.—AP Picture.

## U.S. Woman On Murder Charge

Hamburg, Dec. 14.—A young American woman, fighting for her life in court, accused of the murder of her soldier husband, lost her battle for a trial by jury in a U.S. Military Court today.

Pale and nervous, 22-year-old Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo, of Malden, Massachusetts, was told she had "left the constitution behind" when she came to occupied Germany. Overruling her attorney's challenge of its constitutionality, and their demand for trial by jury under the U.S. constitution, the three judge court declared she was now subject to the military law of the occupied zone.

For the first time, therefore, an American woman will be tried for a capital offence under occupation law.

Witnesses will begin the story tomorrow of what happened the night of September 21 when Sergeant John Ybarbo of Gollard Texas was shot just outside the Ybarbo bedroom where his six-year-old son was sleeping.

#### PARTY QUARREL

Principal witnesses will be three American soldiers and two German girls, guests at a party in the Ybarbo home. They have told of a quarrel between Mrs. Ybarbo and her husband, who won the silver cross in World War II. (Continued on Page 5)

#### EDITORIAL

### It Doesn't Make Sense

THE illogicality of the Powers That Be in Hongkong continues to pass all understanding. A typical example has been provided this week by two advertisements inviting applicants for certain jobs in Government service. One calls for technical officers and as assistant technical officers for the Royal Observatory. Qualifications (for the TOs): a sound knowledge of English and a minimum of three years meteorological or technical experience. Basic salary \$400 a month for the first three years, rising to \$480 a month after 15 years' service. Qualifications for the assistant TOs: not lower than the standard of Intermediate Science, or its equivalent. Starting salary \$250 a month rising to \$350 at the end of five years. The second advertisement was for Women Confidential Assistants. Qualifications: some years of previous office experience; able to take shorthand at 120 words a minute and able to type at 45 words a minute. Starting basic salary \$420 a month for two years on probation, then rising from \$480 to \$550 in five years. Other inducements include leave and pension privileges, and if the fortunate applicants are Expatriate officers, they will be provided with quarters in a Government hostel. None of these inducements, be it noted, is mentioned in the advertisement for the Royal Observatory Technical officers. But what if it is to make sense that a man, who first has to possess three years' special technical experience which can only be gained after he has finished his military schooling, should be earning less than a

stenographer, and he cannot reach her maximum basic salary until he has 10 years' service to his credit. As for the Assistant Technical Officer he cannot earn even the stenographer's probation salary until he has completed five years of service. We do not know who is responsible for assessing in terms of emoluments the relative importance to efficient public service of technical officers in the Royal Observatory and confidential women assistants who can type, take shorthand and maintain a filing system, but whoever it is, he seems to possess little sense of proportion. And whether, after studying the relative terms of employment would-be applicants for technical and assistant technical officers for the Observatory will not change their minds and take up office work is something we would not like to bet on. Our own inclination would be to spend those three years required for special technical training in an office where we could easily bring our shorthand up to 150 words a minute. If needed, and our typing to 50 wpm, and get in on the ground floor for one of these confidential assistant jobs which not only offer a better salary, but advantages such as leave, pension and quarters. Fifteen years is a long time to wait in order to be able to earn about \$250 a month more than a stenographer, who has only to keep her shorthand up to 120 words a minute, her typing up to 45 words per minute, and her mouth shut. The fact is, the comparatively low terms of employment for the positions quoted above just don't make sense.

## Peace Rumours Fly In Shanghai

### GOLD YUAN BECOMES FIRMER ON THE BLACK MARKET

Shanghai, Dec. 14.—Strong peace rumours swept Shanghai today touching off a wave of wild transactions. The Gold Yuan, which was quoted yesterday in black market dealings at 70 to 75 to the US dollar, firmed rapidly to 60 or 65.

The blackmarket price for gold dropped from \$3,500 Gold Yuan per ounce to \$3,200. Speculators interpreted ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman's remarks as meaning that the United States is backing a drive for a coalition government in Nanking.

The rumours went so far as to suggest that secret peace talks between the Nationalist government and the Chinese Communists already have started and that the civil war may end shortly. Chinese readers eagerly read all published versions of Mr. Hoffman's remarks and most of them reached the conclusion that the United States intended to give assistance to end the civil war in China.

#### "PURE FANTASY"

There were some rumours that President Chiang Kai-shek has agreed to resign and leave the country, but these received no credence in informed quarters. Another persistent rumour was that the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, has already been in contact with the American State Department through his representative in China. This report said that Mr. Mao pledged that the Communists would be willing to share in a coalition government and would renounce all connections with Russian Communism, if this step should be taken.

While this report was reported as pure fantasy by most of the well-informed sources here, one competent Chinese authority expressed the opinion that the Nationalist office is certainly would be interested in Mr. Hoffman's statement as a spur toward possible coalition government.

"It seems likely," this source said, "that Mr. Hoffman's remarks will be in his conference with the other Nationalist leaders as meaning that the United States is determined to force a coalition regime which would eliminate the so-called corrupt elements of the present government and establish a truly representative government in which the Communists would participate."—United Press.

REPORTS DENIED  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The American State Department today denied

## Something Like Hongkong

Torquay, Dec. 14.—Mrs. M.L. Andrews advertised a house for rent. A few minutes after the paper appeared on the streets the first (and successful) applicant arrived by taxi—followed by 90 others, right up to midnight. Two telegrams came. Next day the milman started up with 300 letters. Said Mrs. Andrews, appalled: "I'm afraid to answer the door."

## WHIRLWIND HITS GRANTHAM

Grantham, Lincolnshire, Dec. 14.—Today's whirlwind hit the south end of the town, tearing garages from their foundations, lifting roofs off of huts and flattening gardens. One roof was flung about 100 yards. Residents said that they heard a terrific roar during the torrential downpour as the wind passed by.—Reuter.

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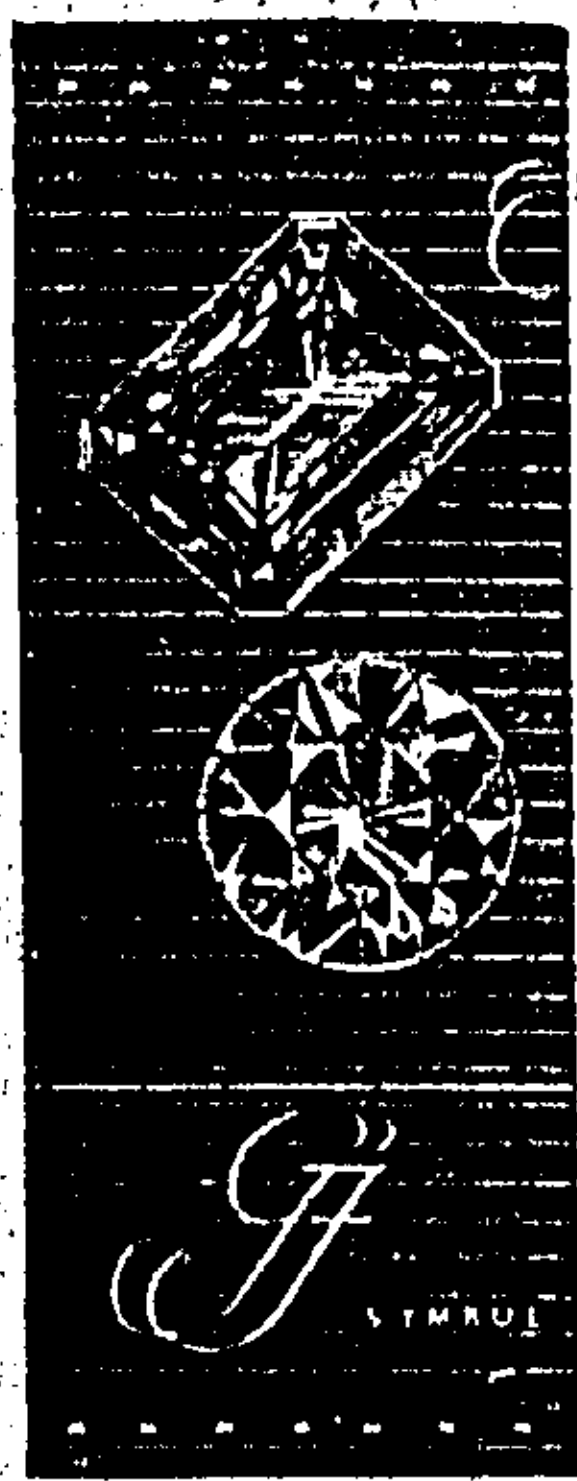
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### HAVING A BABY... THE QUESTION YOU HEAR SO OFTEN ASKED:

## 'Is it better in America?'

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

ULTRA-MODERN maternity homes with private wards like luxury hotel suites and a "painless childbirth or money back" guarantee are open in America to women with husbands rich enough to afford the fantastic fees.

But broader issues must settle the question of whether or not the U.S. offers its womenfolk in general a safer and more satisfying maternity service than Britain does.

There are two facts which to my mind are overriding in this argument:

1 Like most women in Britain most American women have their children at home with the family doctor in attendance, and with little or no artificial relief from pain.

2 The methods of dulling birth pains used in the U.S. hospitals and nursing homes are regarded by leading British authorities as highly experimental and unnecessarily dangerous.

It is temptingly easy to label our doctors too conservative, too cautious. But their objections to the American methods are based on sound principles.

What you must remember they say is that in childbirth, two lives are involved, and our main task is to make it safe rather than comfortable.

### Two methods

THE pain-killing methods in widest use in America are general anaesthesia, in which the patient remains completely unconscious throughout the baby's birth, and a form of local anaesthesia produced by an injection into the spine.

There is strong evidence that both methods are causing many unnecessary deaths both for mothers and babies for they make it so difficult for the mother to co-operate naturally in the birth of the child that the doctors have to use instruments.

This is believed to be the main cause of the dangerous post-natal infections which kill thousands of American mothers every year.

For this reason British doctors avoid the use of instruments as far as possible.

Some of the drugs used to produce anaesthesia can cause the baby to be born in a semi-drugged state which may be highly dangerous during the first few critical hours of life.

Many British doctors would condemn the U.S. methods on psychological grounds alone because they turn a healthy and natural process into what is practically a surgical operation.

One group, led by Dr Grantly Dick Read, has shown that by careful ante-natal training childbirth can be made almost completely painless without any help from sedatives. He believes—and few doctors dispute his claims—that the physical pain of childbirth is largely due to fear.

Brought up in the belief that she faces an agonising ordeal, the mother fights against the birth of her baby instead of helping it. Intense pain is the result.

By teaching expectant mothers that childbirth was not meant to be painful, and by training them in special methods of "breathing" and "relaxation," Dr. Read has shown that naturally painless labour is possible.

### Women's fear

BUT for two reasons his methods cannot be generally applied.

First, some women can never overcome their fear, however much they try. In a recent U.S. test on 150 women 20 per cent. got no relief from the Read method.

Second, only specially trained and specially patient doctors can carry it through successfully—and in Britain about 90 per cent. of all mothers have only a midwife to help them.

The ideal practical method clearly lies between the two extremes of the Read system and the American system of anaesthesia.

What many mothers do not realise is that exactly such a method exists in a form which should be readily available to them all. It is the system called gas-air analgesia by which the mother, though conscious enough to hear the doctor's advice, can get relief from pain by turning a handle on a portable machine. Through its use thousands of women have had practically painless childbirth.

Millions more could have had it if the machines, available to practically every hospital, and to many midwives, were only used.

Too often excuse is made of the fact that the pain of childbirth is rarely dangerous in order to avoid bothering with the machine at all.

My investigations have convinced me that, though the nursing and midwife shortages make things difficult, satisfactory relief from the pain of childbirth could be every mother's right if only the authorities would bestir themselves.

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### Can Women Avoid Third World War?

Bromley, Kent, England.—Dr Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secretary to the food ministry, gave a woman's viewpoint on how to avoid a third world war. She told a women's conference here, if women had the handling of affairs, all weapons would be prohibited, with the exception of the tongue.

## Around The Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

I SAW dozens of little elves at the Helena May Institute yesterday squatting on the dining room floor, in company with Robin Hood's merry men and several maidens with their lovely hair let loose.

They told me they were putting up a show tomorrow to coincide with the Peak School prize day (but that was only incidental, of course).

Some were appearing in the "Elves and the Shoemaker" and others in "Robin Hood and the Potter." Class 3 also performs with tambourines and drums, beating time to the music for "Overheard on a Saltmarsh." About 80 pupils are taking part.

School breaks up on Saturday morning, the headmistress told me.

Miss Diana Kan is giving an exhibition of her paintings at the Hotel Riveira in Macao tomorrow to Saturday. The Governor of Macao will open the exhibition.

Miss Kan left early this week to be in time for the opening ceremony.

At the Chinese YMCA on Friday, a bazaar will be held for the benefit of Chinese refugee and destitute children.

Many of the articles to be sold are donations from America for the children, such as blankets and knitted goods, but as the gifts are difficult to send to the interior they will be sold and the money used to buy food.

Hongkong ladies are also contributing goods and cakes for tea. There will be Chinese folk dances and songs, games and lots of fun for all.

The bazaar has been organised by Mrs Herman Liu, who is well-known in connection with child welfare work.

Another Sino-British Club literary gathering was made possible on Monday, with a programme arranged by Mr A. E. Luff. Members came together to listen to poetry readings, including some of the best works of Milton, Chaucer, Wordsworth, Burns, Byron and several minor moderns.

No background to the poets was given by Mr Luff in his introduction and for two days in succession at the meeting was to tune our ears to the sound of language, the choice of words.

It was suggested after the meeting that at some future date, members be asked to give their own interpretations and read poetry they have themselves enjoyed.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Mr Robert Bruce.

The paintings of Leo Byng, Yee Bon and Luis Chan will be on view today and for two days in succession at the Hotel Cecil. There are about 60 paintings in oil and water colour. All three artists are well-known in Hongkong.

Government House will be the scene on Friday night of a big ball, to which a large number of the younger set have been invited.

The ballroom has been redecorated for the occasion. This is the first really big function since the garden party.

To several of the guests the invitations came as a surprise, and this will possibly be their first visit to Government House.

## Large Doses Are Useless

CHICAGO—People who take large doses of vitamin E to give them extra pep and energy are only wasting their time, according to a Northwestern University scientist.

Dr Theodore E. Friedemann, associate professor of physiology, said that the vitamin might be a potent energy builder if the body would absorb enough of it.

But he said laboratory tests revealed that doses of more than two ten-thousandths of an ounce—about 1/50th of an aspirin tablet—are largely wasted.

The body won't take any more than that, he reported. Furthermore, the tests indicated that if the vitamin is taken constantly over a period of time, the body sometimes becomes allergic to it.

Friedemann said it made virtually no difference, whether the vitamin was taken by mouth or through the veins.

## Take Good Care of Your Eyes



Nice eyes need a pretty frame and a few strokes with an eyebrow pencil serves to emphasise their beauty.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you know that the best way to wrinkle-proof the tissues around your eyes is to avoid eye strain? It is a fact. You can call those little crinkles turkey tracks or laughing lines, but they are always of themselves.

We can overlook many faults of feature if a woman has beautiful eyes. They give the face its emotional power, and therefore its chief claim to personality. No true words were ever spoken than "The eyes are the windows of the soul." It happens that the window frames are also important. When you are massaging your complexion at bed time, give special attention to this facial area. Smooth the upper lid outward. Do several circles at the temples and on the flesh just in front of the ears.

When the eyes are healthy they are a self-lubricating, automatic instrument of precision. If they are not abused by reading in a dim light, the take fairly good care of themselves.

Every time the upper lid moves some of the oil from tiny glands is carried over the corneal surface, keeping it in good condition. When danger threatens at the approach of an insect or some visible foreign particle, the four-armed brinks in existence can equal the lids' efficiency in protecting the eye.

While colour and shape cannot be changed, the eyes can be dramatised by darkening the upper lashes with mascara which, of course, should be carefully washed away at bedtime. Correct shaping of the eyebrows is the finishing touch.



## Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## A Fast-Service Restaurant

AMONG the crowds of people thronging towards New York's Radio City, many stopped before the huge window of a new restaurant to watch the show. The star performer was a young man in a chef's costume standing in an open stainless steel kitchen, neatly breaking eggs into a bowl with one hand and with the other flipping griddle cakes on a stainless steel griddle.

"You see Madame," observed the Chef, "in spite of all the grand theatres here in New York City, food remains the supreme attraction."

Inside the restaurant, waiters could be seen scurrying about with sizzling hot platters and desserts of enormous size.

"Let's go in and see this latest development in midtown Manhattan," I suggested.

"But Madame, this is a hurry-up place where everything moves fast."

The open kitchen took up almost one whole side of the big room, with ranges, broilers, grills, waffle makers and shining utensils. There was a street level, a drop floor level and a mezzanine, giving the effect of three floors. The decorations of flowers and vines with fluorescent lighting were really glamorous.

"People come here from all over the United States," remarked the head waiter. "We cook everything to order. Our customers like good food in pleasant surroundings."

"But why are they in such a hurry?" remarked the Chef.

The waiter laughed. "That's the American spirit. Most of our guests are visitors to the city, and they want to get in as much as possible while they're here. However, anyone is welcome to eat at leisure; that is the spirit of hospitality here at the Virginian," he added, putting down a generous basketful of southern hot breads—piping hot corn sticks, clover leaf rolls and raisin muffins.

"This is a good tip for our home-makers," I remarked. "Any group of dinner guests would appreciate a big basketful of home-made hot breads. And I see a number of skillful specialists on the menu our readers could serve at home."

Individual Skillsets

"Many of the people here are eating right from the individual skillsets," remarked the Chef. "This service is fine for omelette, ham and eggs, and the egg scrambles. Or our readers could serve a large sizzling platter of broiled chicken livers, curlicue potatoes and French fried onion. Or perhaps ham steak Hawaiian with pineapple and plums on top."

The desserts were fabulous. There was a skyscraper lemon meringue pie, with a four-inch meringue topping. And the apricot cream pie was so colourfully topped with fruit it looked like a jewel. The recipe is given below.

We were invited to visit the food preparation rooms. There, in charge of the entire operation we found a young American.

"Where did you get your training in food administration?" I asked.

"In the Army at the Officers and Cooks School at Fort Sills, Oklahoma," he said. "I took every course that was available. Ma'm. You sure can get knowledge if you want it."

Dinner  
Grape Fruit Juice  
Western Ham and Egg Scramble  
Curlicue Potatoes  
French Fried Onions  
Tossed Green Salad  
Apricot Cream Pie  
Coffee or Tea  
Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

Western Ham and Egg Scramble  
Melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine in a heavy 9 in. frying pan. Add 1/4 c. diced green pepper, 1/3 c. diced mild onion and 1/4 c. diced cooked or -frozen -raw -ham. Slow-fry about 3 min. Do not let the fat or vegetables brown. Add 3 tbs. top cream or undiluted evaporated milk, 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. In a separate bowl beat 5 eggs light. Add the ham mixture. Then wipe out the frying pan with a piece of absorbent paper; in it melt 1/4 tbs. butter or margarine. Pour in the egg mixture. Slow-fry until it begins to bubble throughout. Then swirl it around with a fork to make an interesting looking design and to allow the uncooked egg to run down and thicken. Garnish at one end with curlicue potatoes; heap French fried onions opposite.

Curlicue Potatoes  
These are made from raw, peeled white potatoes cut in curlicue strips by means of a special cutter used by restaurants. However, for home preparation, a good facsimile can be made by taking the raw potato round and round into narrow, short, curly strips just as you used to peel the skin from apples, when planning Halloween games. Remember? Rinse the potato in cold water; drain on absorbent paper. Meantime put vegetable fat in a heavy kettle to the depth of 3 in. and heat. When it browns a bit of bread in 1 min. drop in the potato. Fry golden brown. Drain on crumpled paper and dust with salt. Or serve old-fashioned French fried potatoes. After all, they taste just as good!

Apricot Cream Pie  
Prepare piecrust home-made or from a mix, and line a deep 9 in. pie plate with it. But the crust on the edge of the plate, thickly with fine-chopped almonds, walnuts or pecans, and with a fork press into the crust. Prick the crust on the bottom in several places to make it lie even when baked. Bake 12 min. in a hot oven, 425 F. Half fill with a soft, thick cooked cream filling, home-made or made with a prepared -dessert -pudding mix according to directions on the package. Cover with a layer of plain or sponge cake cut in thin slices, or use vanilla wafers. Cover this in turn, with a symmetrical design of canned halved apricots, rounded side up. And over the apricots, for a grand finale, pour a red jelly glaze. Chill at least 1 hr. before serving.

Trick Of The Chef  
To make red jelly glaze, put 1/2 c. bright red fruit jelly in cold water saucepan. Add 1 tsp. juice from canned apricots, and cook and stir until the jelly melts. Then pour over the pie and chill.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**CELEBRATING OCTOBER REVOLUTION**—With bayonets fixed, these Russian infantrymen march in Moscow's celebration commemorating the 31st anniversary of the October Revolution. In the background are large posters of Lenin and Stalin.



**THEME GIRL**—New York model Pat Steckman has been named Orange Bowl Festival Theme Girl for the New Year carnival at Miami, Florida.



**A WOMAN'S TOUCH**—Rita Long, one of Cuba's outstanding young sculptors, touches up a figure she is working on outside a building near the Prado Promenade in Havana. She is the only woman sculptor in Cuba to receive commissions for public works.



**GHOST TOWN**—Movie actress Carol Mathews takes a day off from her work in Hollywood to visit nearby Knott's Berry Farm. Here she is inspecting a noose on a hangman's tree that served justice in the old mining days. The deserted town dates back to gold rush days of 1849.



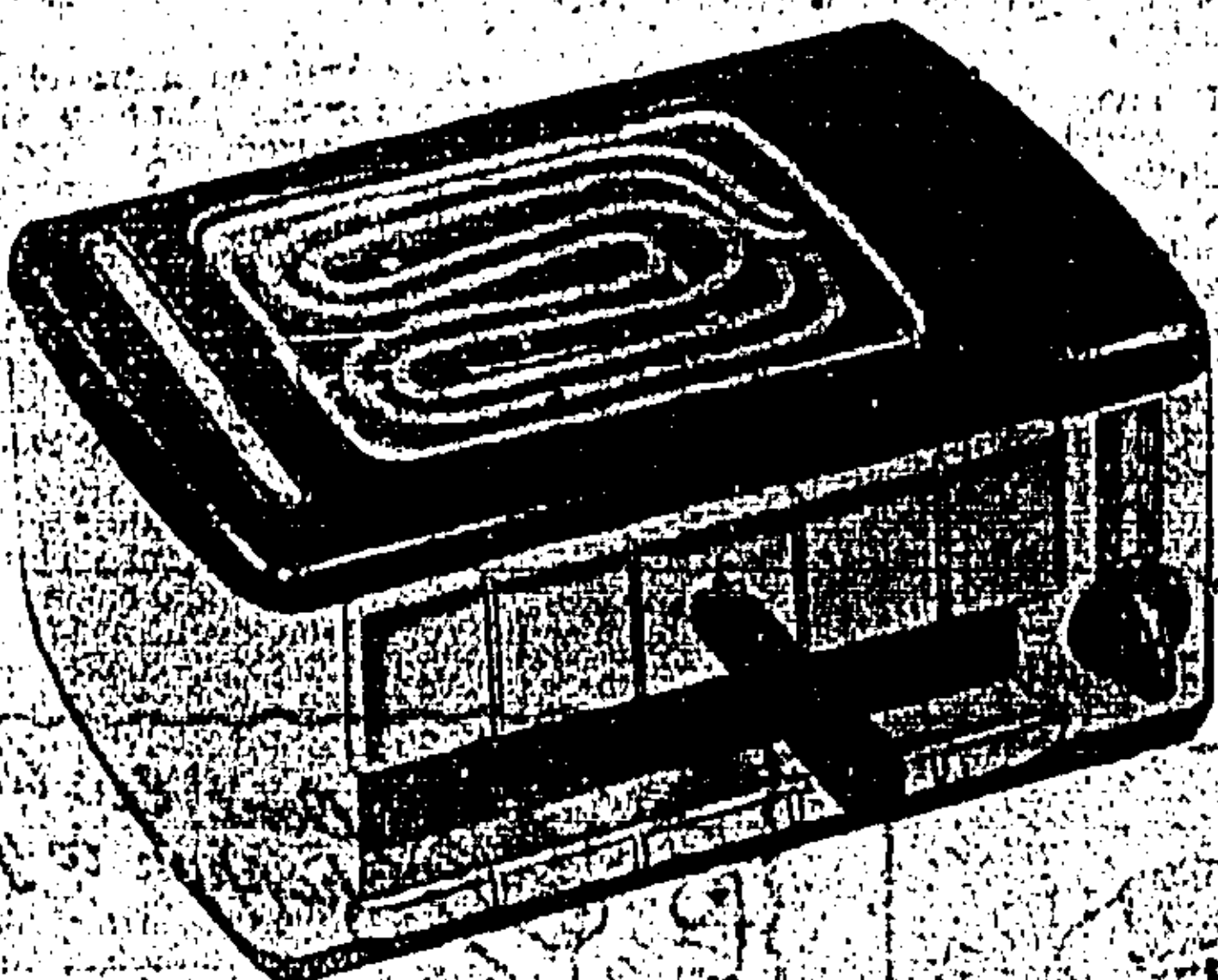
**FRESH SUPPLIES**—Coast Guardsmen unload food stocks, fuel and mail at Loran Station on Attu Island. Terrain of this character makes tasks a bit difficult for men stationed in the Aleutian Islands and for the hardy Bering Sea patrols which are maintained by this active peacetime U.S. service unit.



**AFTERMATH OF EXPLOSION**—Firemen and railway workers watch 36 cars of a 100-car freight train burn in Fruitdale, Alabama, after a derailment. The wreck resulted in cars containing gasoline and butane exploding; the flames spreading to the other cars. Two of the crew were injured.

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**HOMEMADE PLANE**—Bert Dudek is shown at the wheel of the plane he is building in the basement of his Cleveland home. When completed, he promises it will be a faithful replica of a famous biplane used in 1911 by America's first stunt flier. The machine is so constructed that it can be dismantled and re-assembled in very little time. Experts are looking over the job. Dudek has done a fine piece of work.

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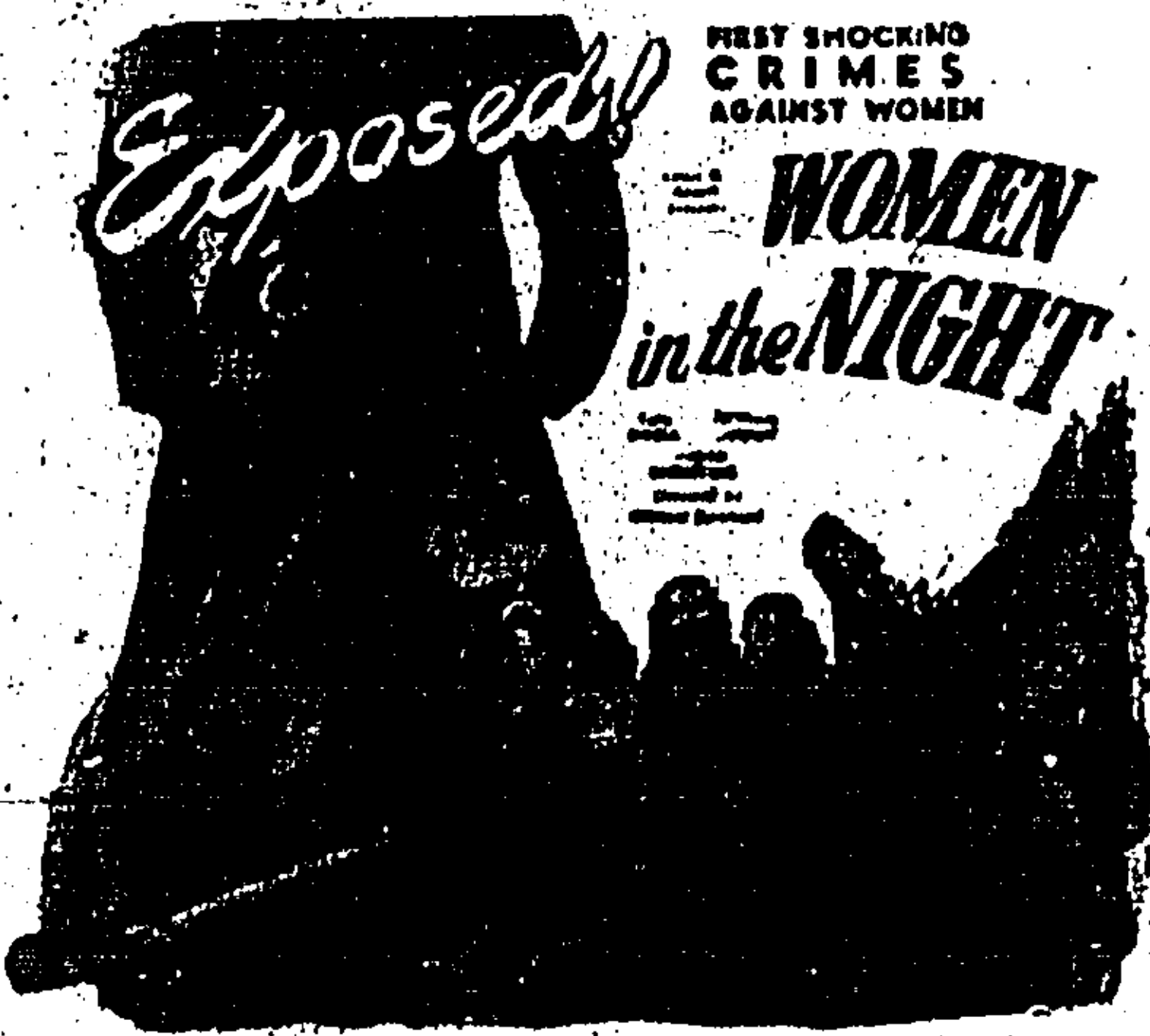
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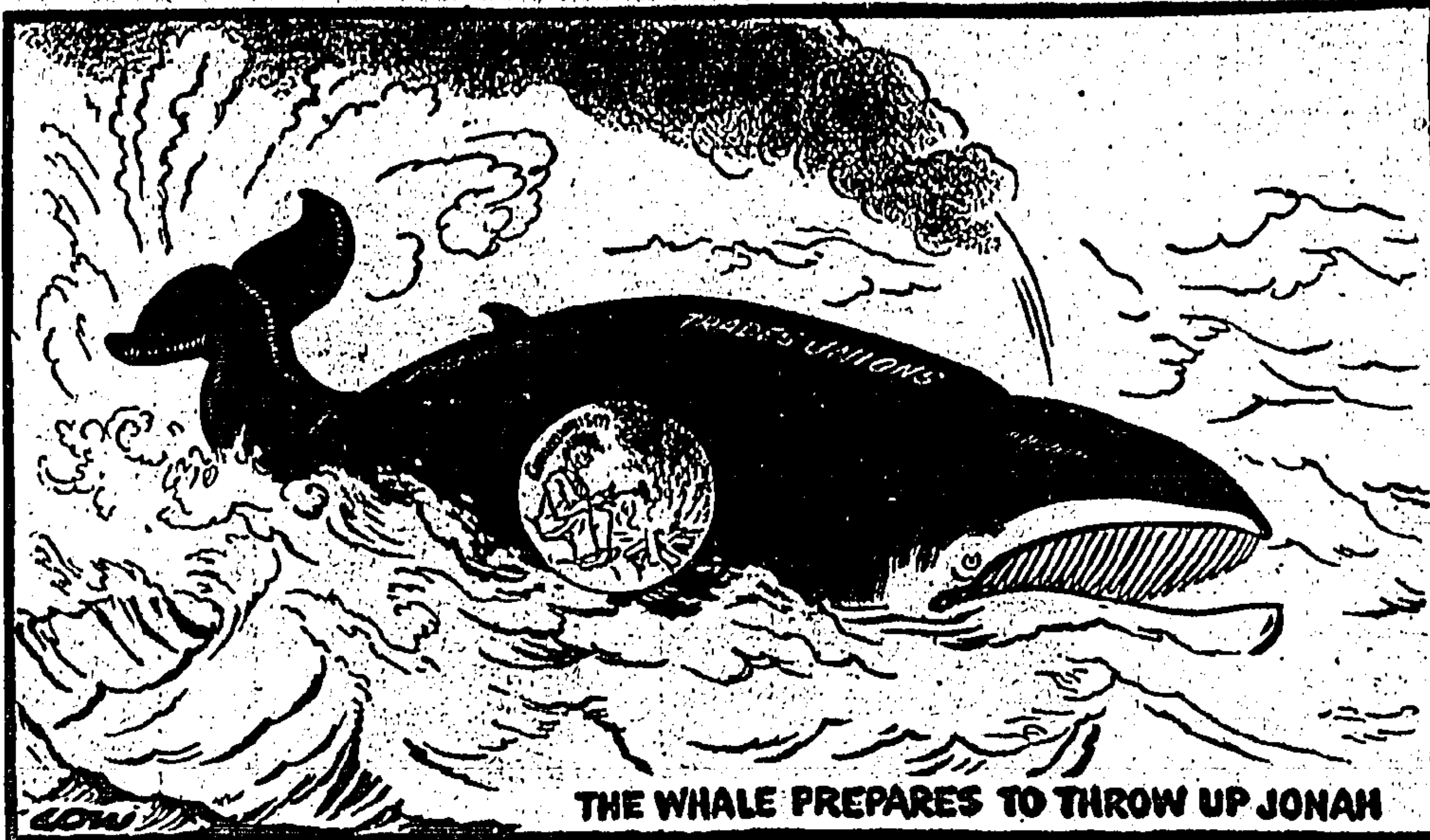
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Fenceby NATHANIEL  
GUBBINSNEWSPAPER columnists  
in America are almost  
as numerous as stars in  
the sky.Starting at the bottom (in order  
of talent) with keyhole columnists  
like Walter Winchell and Louella  
Parsons, who peep into the private  
lives of ex-friends and other no-  
bodies, they range through a con-  
stellation of medium big shots like  
Drew Pearson, who peeps at secret  
documents over the shoulders of  
embarrassed diplomats, right up to  
a few high-powered superhet models  
like Walter Lippmann, who favours  
the entire world with a shrewd  
glance once a day and gives it some  
kindly advice.Even now that he knows Sinatra  
is a crooner, he could hardly be  
expected to know the kind of shirts  
he wears—even if he had any shirts  
like that over here.would change the card to "Uncle  
Nat's hat it."  
At night, in faultless evening  
dress, he would wear in his jacket  
a little electric sign connected to  
a pocket battery which would  
flash "Uncle Nat" every five  
seconds.The P.L.W. would wear a similar  
sign flashing "The Trouble and  
Strife."Even his cat Lottio would be  
dragged into it. She would wear a  
little white collar inscribed "Uncle  
Nat's Cat" in gold letters.FOLLOWING in the Uncle Irv  
tradition, all newsmen would be  
slapped on the back and called  
"Buddy Boy."THEREFORE the discovery of a  
new star among so many in the  
American newspaper heavens  
would be of no importance at all  
if it had not been reported by such  
astute astronomers as the editors of  
the American news magazine Time,  
who have noted the following  
peculiarities:—His name is Irving Kupcinet  
(pronounced CUP-scenite).His column is called (with com-  
mendable restraint) Kup's Column,  
and not Kup's Kolumn.He finds night clubs exciting, and  
"every night, sportily dressed in a  
shirt with long Sinatra-style points  
(and with KUP loudly emblazoned  
on his handkerchief, tie clasp, cuff  
links, and gold ring) he patrols such  
spots as Chez Paree and the  
Shangrila, slapping backs and  
sipping coffee.His red-haired wife tags along,  
often wearing a blouse stencilled  
with his column.He has five telephones at home  
and calls "winning newsmen buddy  
boy." Clark Gable is called  
"Clarkie."Your uncle is not the kind of  
man who is contented with half-  
measures. When he decides to do  
something, which isn't often, he  
gives it everything he's got.He feels that if he once decided  
self-advertisement was a desirable  
thing he would make Uncle Irv look  
like a small-town pedlar selling  
toothpaste.For instance, if he had a car and  
a chauffeur, which he is not likely  
to have until income tax is reduced,  
he would have a large, pulsar  
shining thing with "Uncle Nat's  
Car" painted on both sides in gold  
letters.The chauffeur, wearing a white  
and gold livery with "Uncle Nat"  
on the cap and lapels, would  
announce his arrival in towns and  
villages by yelling his name through a  
loudspeaker.WELL, folks, that's Uncle Irv, and  
here's your Uncle Nat, grown  
with envy, wishing he had thought  
up that kind of publicity years ago.Perhaps it's not too late even  
now.Things are still a bit difficult to  
get, but maybe, with a little in-  
fluence, your Uncle could buy a gold  
ring and some gold cuff links with  
Nat stamped on them.He has never worn a gold ring or  
cuff links before, but one must  
live with the times and suffer for  
one's art.And how he would be suffering  
wearing a gold ring and gold cuff  
links stamped Nat.The shirt with the long "Sinatra-  
style points" might be hard to find.  
For a long time your Uncle was  
never sure if Sinatra was an  
American breakfast food, a dog  
actor on the films, or a new medical  
put similar card on the bar, "This  
is Uncle Nat drinking." When he  
left, hours later, the chauffeurWHEN he took a holiday a  
publicity man would precede  
him and another the town with  
posters, "Uncle Nat is coming."When he arrived the posters  
would be changed to "Uncle Nat is  
here." When he left they would  
shout from every hoarding, "Uncle  
Nat has gone."And no doubt everybody would be  
glad.On his table in restaurants there  
would be a silver stand bearing a  
card "This is Uncle Nat feeding."In taverns his chauffeur would  
put similar card on the bar, "This  
is Uncle Nat drinking." When he  
left, hours later, the chauffeurC. V. R. THOMPSON REPORTS  
THE AMERICAN SCENESun in the  
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NEW YORK.

WINTERS are harsh in Massachusetts, but  
near Boston, a woman scientist, Dr. Maria  
Telkes, has moved into a house without conven-  
tional heating.She wants to prove that it is possible to live  
in a house without coal, oil, electricity, or any  
other source of heat but the sun.Dr. Telkes has built a cottage to prove her  
point. It is modern style, with a sitting-room,  
kitchen and bath, and two bedrooms.Features that differ from the conventional  
modern house—a shed-like roof and a wall of little  
but windows facing south.The sun's rays are trapped by a device built  
in just above those windows. They are carried  
by a circulator to a series of "heat bins" in the  
cellar. These are filled with a cheap chemical—  
sodium sulphate decahydrate (Glauber's salt).The incoming heat melts this chemical.  
And, as it solidifies again, the obdurate chemical  
gives off heat which is distributed by adjustable  
fans and ducts all over the house.

Dr. Telkes' moving-in day

temperatures—outdoors 51 degrees,

indoors 71.

POSTAGE: In a new volume of

F. D. R. letters, covering the

period 1905 to 1925, it is disclosed

that a Paris clairvoyant told him 43

years ago that he would be America's

President, and that Mrs. Roosevelt

said this of Englishwomen while in

England during her honeymoon: "They

look frumps, even when they

are not."

TRAFFIC: There are so many

new cars in New York and so

few garages that motorists have to

leave their cars in the street. The

city is now planning to make money

out of these troubles by installing

meters which will sell a space

alongside the pavement for three-

pence an hour.

FASHION: New York milliners

announce they have found a

way to follow the Paris edicts for

bare-shoulder dresses with Edwardian

hats for restaurant wear this winter.

Their problem is how to find

something to take the place of eras,

which are illegal in America, in the

hats. What they have found—

ostrich feathers—treated with

glycerine.

PRESS: There is only one national

paper in America today—the

Christian Science Monitor. But there

may soon be a second one. Labour

unions are urging their leaders to

start one.

TRAVEL: Dollar tourists are

warned by columnist Paul

Gallico that, with bottle-parties

going out, they can expect to find

nothing left of "merrie old England,"

but just an England which "seems

to grow only more drab, more

dreary, more unmerrie."

MARIJUANA HABIT  
INCREASES IN U.S.

By DOUGLAS LARSEN

Marijuana: It looks like an ordi-  
nary garden weed.stances it makes the user run  
amok.Generally, it renders a person  
incapable of intelligent action, as  
does alcohol. It wears off in from  
two to four hours, leaving a slight  
hangover and feeling of depres-  
sion.Mild use doesn't appear to af-  
fect physical health, but in India  
and Egypt, where there is wide-  
spread use of stronger doses, it  
makes users feeble-minded or in-  
sane.

25-Years Ago

It is believed a traveller brought  
seeds for the plant to Mexico and  
it was introduced into the U.S.  
from there about 25 years ago.  
Trade in marihuana began in 1937,  
when a Federal law was passed,  
banning its sale, use, or possession.  
All 48 states have laws against it.  
The Federal penalty for a  
marihuana violation is not more  
than a \$2,000 fine, five years in jail  
or both.THE holding of actor Robert Mit-  
chum in Hollywood on a mariju-  
ana drug charge brought to light  
an indication that "reefer smoking"  
is increasing rapidly in the U.S.Latest figures from the U.S.  
Treasury Dept. show that the  
amount of marihuana confiscated  
by Federal agents jumped 64 per-  
cent last year over the previous  
year, from 23,588 ounces to 39,894  
ounces. The number of peddlers  
of the drug arrested by Treasury  
men also increased from 892 to  
987. And that doesn't include  
thousands of arrests by local and  
state narcotics men.

## Well-Organized Gangs

Mexico is one of the big sources.  
The illegal traffic is straining the  
resources of the U.S. to stop it.Well-organized gangs and bold  
lone-wolf operators are responsible  
for bringing it in. One of the biggest  
recent cases involved an American  
mining engineer, Victor C. Sanders.  
He was caught peddling "reefers"  
in Los Angeles. Later a huge supply  
which belonged to him was found  
hidden in a chicken coop in  
Compton, California. Three big  
trunks held 210 carefully sealed  
cans, each containing four ounces  
of the drug. He said he bought the  
stuff from a man named "Joe" in  
Juarez, Mexico. Sanders is in pri-  
son.A large part of the supply is  
grown right in the U.S. in back-  
yards on empty lots. It is easy  
to raise. And it is a very simple  
process to dry the leaves and roll  
them into cigarettes.The plant looks like an ordinary  
garden weed, grows one to three  
feet high and has a seven-bladed,  
jagged-edged leaf. Small buds or  
pods on the plant contain the  
highest concentration of the drug.  
It is of the hemp family, scientifically  
labelled "cannabis sativa."Those engaged in its illicit traf-  
fic call the drug "Mary Warner."  
"Mary," "reefers," "muggles," "hay"  
or "stuff."Continued use doesn't create  
helpless addiction, like opium.  
Addicts need psychological help  
rather than medicine.Most reefer smokers are found  
among musicians and other art-  
ists. The drug has its greatest  
appeal to persons of unstable per-  
sonality.It gives the user a false sense  
of well-being and makes him  
acutely sensitive to different sounds  
and pitches. The U.S. Public  
Health Service has proved by tests  
that it does not improve a musician's  
ability.While under the influence of a  
reefer the smoker believes that  
there is nothing he isn't capable  
of doing or seeing. In some in-

## NANCY His Regular Position



By Ernie Bushmiller





## Political Propaganda In Hongkong Schools Will Not Be Tolerated Says The Governor

Non-tolerance by the Hongkong Government of political propaganda in school was stressed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the opening of the new premises of the Tak Ching Middle School in Un Chau Street this morning.

### "Fruitful" ECAFE Conference

#### DELEGATES' PRESS INTERVIEW

The conference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, held recently in Sydney, was "quite fruitful," and the public must not be disappointed that no concrete action had resulted, Dr C. M. Li, head of the Chinese delegation to the conference, told the Telegraph this morning.

Dr Li explained that the Commission, like other United Nations agencies, had no operational funds, and could only initiate measures for the consideration of member governments.

In a joint interview with Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, leader of the Hongkong delegation, he said that even though the problems which arose at the conference mainly affected member countries, Hongkong was concerned as a shipping centre and would share in any benefits which resulted from the discussions.

The four main problems before the conference were:

1. Industrial development.
2. Food and agriculture.
3. Trade promotion.
4. Technical training.

The first of these, industrial expansion, was by far the most important, said Dr Li, and a plan had been drawn up which would be considered by the governments affected during the next two months.

#### TO COST \$14 BILLION

The plan estimated that to develop industry in the Far East during the next three to five years would cost US\$14 billion, and the industrial committee would meet again, probably in Singapore in February, to get the views of member governments on how that money could be raised.

Another important measure at the conference, said Dr Li, was the setting up of a Bureau of Flood Control, and the UN Assembly had set aside US\$100,000 for its activities during 1949.

Dr Li denied news agency reports of an Asiatic bloc appearing at the conference to force the entry of the Indonesian Republic and "the rest of Indonesia" to the Commission.

The Indonesian Republic's application, he said, was sponsored by New Zealand.

Dr Chau said that he had put forward views on several matters which affected Hongkong, and would be submitting a report to Government within a week.

Most of the points raised at the conference, however, did not affect the Colony to the same extent as other countries.

#### Invaders Engaged

Guatemala City, Dec. 14.—An official Government bulletin broadcast today by Costa Rican radio stations said Government troops had engaged the invaders and taken prisoners, among whom were members of the Nicaraguan National Guard.—Reuter.

In the course of his speech, His Excellency said: With the great demand for education that exists in Hongkong today, and the inadequate number of schools, unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of the situation, and it has been found that some private schools are little better than "rackets," run for the personal profit of the owners. Their fees have fairly recently been levied down by the Department of Education, which has corrected the evil to some extent.

There are those, and to my mind they are the most evil, who wish to use schools as a means of propaganda and poison the minds of their young pupils with their particular political dogma or creed. This we know is what happened in the schools of some states and is not happening in Communist-dominated countries. This deforming and twisting of the youthful mind is most wicked and the Hongkong Government will tolerate no political propaganda in schools.

"The curriculum we have laid down for all schools in Hongkong has, as its aim, education in the broadest sense. The young mind is therefore developed naturally and healthily, so that when the youngster grows up and takes his place in the world, he is fitted to choose what political creed he likes. With the kind of training he receives in such a school as this, I am sure he will not make a wrong choice of his political philosophy."

His Excellency also expressed his unbounded admiration for the Sisters of the Precious Blood Society, who, with no help from the Government put up the new building and equipment at a total cost of nearly half a million dollars.

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The formal opening of the new premises of the Governor, coincided with the 25th Anniversary of the School and its Annual Speech Day.

The band of the Aberdeen Industrial School welcomed the arrival of His Excellency who was presented with a pair of golden scissors after he had cut the ribbons.

His Excellency was then taken round the building accompanied by Mr T. R. Rowell, the Director of Education, and Mrs Rowell, Mr L. G. Morgan of the Education Department, Sister Joyce Chen, the Headmistress of the School, members of the School Committee and many dignitaries of the Catholic Church.

In all the class-rooms there were displays of work by the students which showed a wealth of talent in almost every field. The four-story building was equipped in its equipment, including a well-stocked laboratory.

After a speech of welcome by Mr Chow Cham-kuang, His Excellency distributed certificates to the graduation class.

For the Vice-General of the diocese presented prizes to pupils of the other classes in the absence of Bishop Valtorta.

After school songs and a speech by a graduate and another by Fr F. Shank, the parish priest, His Excellency and other guests were entertained to tea and a theatrical performance.

#### MAIDEN VOYAGE

London, Dec. 14.—The new Orient liner Orcaades of 28,000 tons, left Tilbury tonight on her maiden voyage to Australia.

She replaces another ship of that name which was sunk by a German submarine in October 1942 one day after leaving Capetown.

Forty-eight lives were lost in the original Orcaades.—Reuter.

## Hit-Run Raid On Strikebound Plants



A motor caravan invaded Kalamazoo, Mich., burst into two strikebound plants of the Shaker Company, smashed equipment and then fled after injuring several workmen and overturning a dozen automobiles.—AP Picture.

#### BOT Corruption Inquiry

## MR DALTON IN WITNESS BOX

### Offered Big Job By Stanley

London, Dec. 14.—The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, told the London Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles today that Sidney Stanley, Stateless alien and key figure in the inquiry, had followed him into the street at their first meeting and offered him a post in a big business concern.

Mr Dalton, now a Cabinet Minister as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said that he had met Stanley four times in all.

The first meeting was at a dinner given for George Gibson, a Director of the nationalised Bank of England. It took place after Mr Dalton had resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

When he was leaving the dinner, Stanley came after him and said that now he was no longer a member of the Government. "We would like you to join us in the Great Universal Stores."

(The £38,000,000 Great Universal Stores group, controlled by the millionaire Isaac Wolfson, has hundreds of branches in Britain and abroad.)

#### VISITED FLAT

Mr Dalton said that he later visited Stanley's luxury flat in London's West End and again was asked if he would join the firm's board. He understood Stanley was either a Director of the company or a prominent executive.

Stanley said: "You need only attend one meeting a month and in return for this there would be a substantial fee."

Mr Dalton could not remember any figure being mentioned, but in any case he told Stanley that such an arrangement was not desirable from his point of view.

Stanley then said that the Great Universal Stores was building factories in development areas—since Mr Dalton had been concerned with development areas throughout his public life this reference persuaded him to see Mr Wolfson, the Great Universal Stores' chairman.

#### NOTHING SAID

An interview took place eventually with Wolfson. Stanley was present. Wolfson gave a long and interesting account of the growth and development of the Great Universal Stores.

But nothing was said about the possibility of Mr Dalton joining the Board.

Mr Dalton said that there was not the slightest truth in the evidence given by Stanley that "he had gone to seek a Directorship, but Wolfson would not have him."

Mr Dalton said that he had formed the view that Stanley was a contact man of low repute and he wished to have nothing more to do with him. For one thing, he could produce only a taxi when he had promised to turn up in a car, and during the interview, Wolfson had treated Stanley with very slight respect.

Stanley had made two further attempts to see him. Mr Dalton said that he wrote a "very curt" letter to him and if it had been addressed "Dear Stan" he had certainly not meant it that way, and it must have been a mistake by his secretary.

He agreed that neither Stanley nor anybody else had ever approached him to misuse his powers, either as a Member of Parliament or of the Government.

#### INTRODUCED HIMSELF

Isaac Wolfson said that Stanley had introduced himself to him at a dinner in 1947 with the words "You don't know me, but I know you."

Later, Stanley came to see him several times with schemes for big business deals. He had paid Stanley £1,000 for services and expenses in connection with these deals.

Earlier today, Mr Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that he had been introduced to Stanley by Mr Gibson. Later, one of his assistants told him that Stanley and his wife had visited the Treasury, saying they wanted dollars for a business trip to the United States, and that "Glenvil knew all about it."

There was no truth in this, Mr Hall said, and he told his staff immediately to be careful of Stanley. He also warned Mr John Bel-

cher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade and key figure in the enquiry, to be on his guard. Mr Belcher replied: "Oh yes, I know a good deal about Stanley. There is no need to warn me."

The Tribunal then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

#### RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

London, Dec. 14.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, has accepted the resignation of Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, whose conduct is being investigated by a special Tribunal. It was officially announced tonight.

In a letter accepting Mr Belcher's resignation, Mr Attlee said: "I am certain that you have taken the right course in offering to resign your office. I greatly regret the circumstances which have made it necessary for you to do this and for me to accept your resignation."

Mr Belcher, in his communication to the Prime Minister, repeated his earlier denial that he had been "influenced in any way by any gift or by any bribe."

Mr Belcher concluded saying: "I cannot fully express the regret that I feel that indications of mine should have done harm to the party to which I have been so proud to belong and whose interests I hope to serve in the future."—Reuter.

#### RECORD OUTPUT OF COAL

London, Dec. 14.—Britain's mines showed last week a record output of 4,405,500 tons of coal—the highest since the "Haverton crisis" of 1940, when workers made efforts to beat the effects of the Dunkirk evacuation.

Product, in the first 40 weeks of this year is over five percent more than the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

#### U.S. WOMAN ON MURDER CHARGE

(Continued from Page 1)

They said they heard a series of shots and found the Sergeant wounded. He died 10 days later. They have not stated the nature of the quarrel. Prosecuting attorney Hugh L. Hinchliffe gave no hint of motive in his statement today. He said he would prove the charge of murder "beyond any doubt."

Mrs. Ybarbo's only public statement was from her lawyers who said she "did only what any decent New England woman would have done."

They are expected to plead self defence for her. Most of the spectators were American women who have followed the case avidly.—Associated Press.

#### Radio Hongkong

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# Gen. Eichelberger On Need Of Jap Defence Corps DANGER OF COMMUNISM

Washington, Dec. 14.—Lieut-General Robert L. Eichelberger today urged the "imperative importance" of establishing a well-armed Japanese-manned defence corps for policing purposes.

He told the United Press two possible methods would be (1) to arm the present total police force of 125,000 and increase its number to 150,000 and (2) to leave the present forces as it was and to create a brand new Constabulary of up to 150,000. He said he preferred the second solution.

In an interview with the United Press, General Eichelberger said the force he envisaged under the second alternative would be a national Constabulary for international protection. He said the force should be held to a maximum of 150,000 and armed with small weapons only.

"If they are not well armed, they would be useless," he said.

He added that when he left Japan the total police force of 125,000 had only 18,000 pistols. Discussing the necessity of an armed Japanese Constabulary, General Eichelberger said, "The implications to Japan become more emphatic as the Communists sweep southward on the Asiatic mainland."

## REMOVED A BARRIER

Pacing up and down the room and emphasizing his points, he said: "When the Allies whipped Japan without aid and I stress without—the help of the Communists, we removed a barrier, which permitted the Communists to sweep South. The result of that removal is more important than any concessions we made to Russia at Yalta or Potsdam. When we defeated Japan, we removed the balance of power in Asia."

Although General Eichelberger did not specify what barrier he removed, he obviously meant the Japanese Kwantung Army which had occupied Manchuria.

General Eichelberger, who retired from the Army at the end of the year, said he "shudders at the consequences" should Japan succumb to the Communists after the occupying powers had withdrawn.

Asked his opinion of the Chinese situation, General Eichelberger replied: "If the Nationalist Government collapses and China goes Communist, then the second World War victory in the Pacific was no victory."

## DEEPLY MOVED

He declined to comment on what might or should be done to help bolster the tottering Chiang regime. Asked to comment on reports that the United States Government had "written off" the Chinese Government, General Eichelberger replied: "I cannot comment on that subject. That is a question of national policy and I have nothing to do with national policy. I have only carried out orders."

General Eichelberger appeared deeply moved by the implications of the continued Red successes in China. He said: "I have lost faith in international altruism. In the Pacific we have seen other friends whose interests correspond to ours. With them we should work for our common good." He named Australia, Canada and the Philippines as examples of friends.

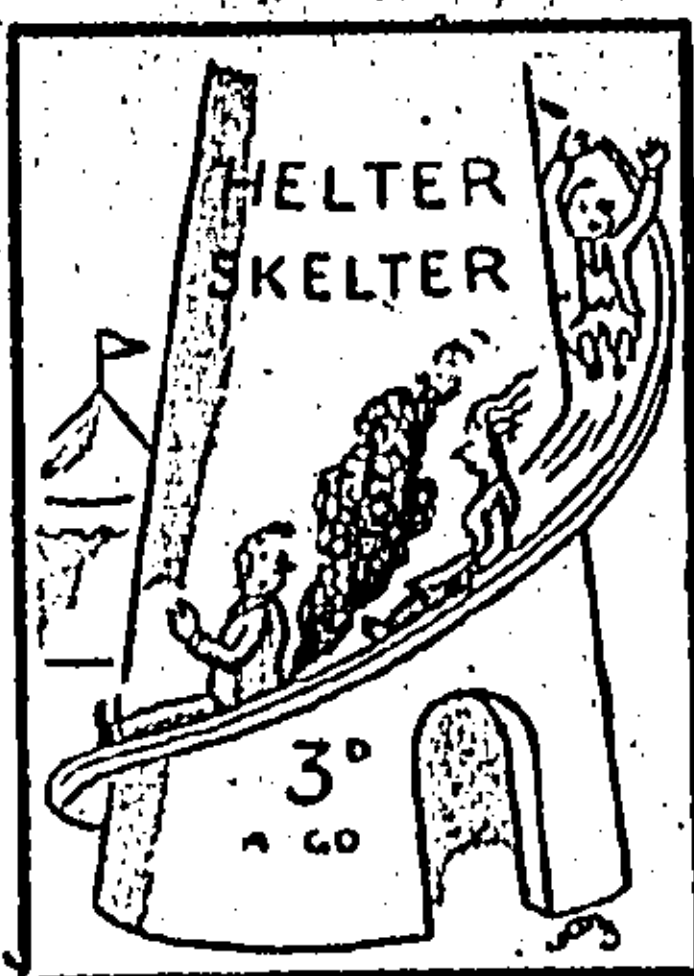
"Since we are committed to establish democracy in Japan and since we disarmed them and destroyed every weapon except their pistols, then we assumed the role of guardian with a guardian's responsibility."

He refused to discuss how a well-armed police force should be used. But he added, smilingly, "Just sit down and think a while of Japan's topography and economy and draw your own conclusions."

## A GREAT PRIZE

In a speech in Chicago on October 20, General Eichelberger had told the National Safety Council, "One can appreciate what a great prize Japan would be to the Communist nations if they were permitted to gain possession. But to the United States, Canada, the Philippines and Australia it would signify the loss of World War II and potential defeat in the Pacific in any future war that might be forced upon us. I do not like to think of Japan as an ally in war, although that might well be possible. I would like, rather, to think that we have built up a great reservoir of friendship and respect, which would act as a deterrent to those who entertain no desire to fight on two fronts."—United Press.

## POCKET CARTOON



## Mr Hoffman Was Speaking For Himself

### Official Comment On China Statement

Washington, Dec. 14.—A spokesman for the U.S. State Department said on Tuesday that ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman was speaking for himself in suggesting American aid to China might be continued if the Chinese Communists win control there.

Mr Hoffman was quoted as saying on Monday in Shanghai that he believed aid would be continued if a new Chinese Government represented all the people and preserved Chinese freedoms.

Press officer Michael J. McDermott told reporters Mr Hoffman was speaking "very frankly on one subject and one subject only."

This, Mr McDermott said, was continuing aid to China and particularly continuing aid to abate hunger and suffering.

### OUTSIDE ORBIT

Mr McDermott said Mr Hoffman, however, made it clear that political matters were outside his official orbit and that final decisions would have to be made at the White House level when specific situations arose.

The State Department, Mr McDermott said, will itself not indulge in speculation on "hypothetical possibilities."

Mr McDermott said further in response to a question that there is no reason to believe American representatives in Nanking are pressing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to form a coalition government with the Communists.

He said he believes reports that these representatives are trying to force a coalition are false.

Before he left on his current inspection trip to China, Mr Hoffman talked with Under-Secretary of State Mr Robert A. Lovett.

Mr McDermott said that what Mr Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator, had said in Shanghai was not cleared specifically with the department in advance.

### STUCK HIS NECK OUT

Mr McDermott was reminded by a reporter that during the Italian election campaign last spring he had said that if Italy went Communist there would be no further economic aid from the United States. Mr McDermott's only reply was, "I did stick my neck out on that one, didn't I?"

The Chinese Nationalist Government has withdrawn all but less than \$8,000,000 from the \$125,000,000 which Congress voted for military aid to China.

The latest tabulation showed the treasury had paid out \$117,272,889 through last Friday. The total showed an increase of less than \$235,000 from the preceding week.

Mr McDermott said the United States Government's China policy remained unchanged.

He said his remarks had no bearing on the conference President Truman had last Friday with Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Mr McDermott said he did not know what the Generalissimo's wife, proposed or what she was told.

### ANOTHER APPEAL

Meanwhile, the Chinese Control Yuan appealed to the United States House of Representatives speaker, Mr Joseph Martin, for increased United States aid in China's fight against the Communists.

The message from the group, which overrules the government expenditures, was sent to Mr Martin at his office by the Chinese Ambassador, Mr Wellington Koo.

Mr Martin made no comment in making public the message which omitted any suggestions to the amount or type of aid.

The Yuan referred to the war against the Chinese Red armies as a "stupendous crusade."

"If China should unfortunately be conquered," the Yuan told Mr Martin, "the Far East will be Sovietized and so would Asia and Europe. Even the Americas might not be secure."—Associated Press.

### Occupation Costs

London, Dec. 14.—The occupation of the British Zone of Germany cost Britain £537 million from the end of the hostilities to March 31 this year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, said in a parliamentary reply today.

The nominal value of British reparations receipts in the period up to the end of last July was £20,400.—Reuter.

## French Taxation To Go Up By 40%

Paris, Dec. 14.—French taxpayers will be asked to pay nearly 400,000 million francs (about £377,358,490) or 40 percent more in direct and indirect taxes next year, the French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, told the Finance Commission of the National Assembly today.

The 1949 budget estimates the tax revenue at 1,250,000 million francs (about £1,193,245,233) for the ordinary budget.

In addition, a special 10 percent increase on all taxes with an extra 10 percent on the production tax, making a total of 20 percent increase on this tax, is expected to produce 135,000 million (about £127,547,150) for the reconstruction and equipment programmes.

The Premier, who is also Finance Minister, told the Commission that this record tax burden would have to be increased still further if loans totalling 100,000 million francs (about £94,339,622) to be launched next year were not fully subscribed by the end of June.

### NO INDISCREET QUESTIONS

He did not reveal the full conditions attached to the new loans but indicated that subscribers would not be asked indiscreet questions about their resources.

Business circles fear that another stage of acute financial difficulties will shortly be reached. The deficit of the French balance of payments for the first 11 months of the year amounts to over 20,000 million francs (about £18,922,541). This means that only 65 percent of French imports are offset by exports.

The National Assembly is expected to begin discussing the budget on Monday. Expenditures will include a civil expenditure of 750 milliard francs, civil reconstruction and equipment (including schools and other Government buildings) 150 milliard francs, military estimates 350 milliard francs. The expenditures will be covered by normal receipts, which will probably be increased by fiscal reform measures to simplify and tighten up the tax collection. These measures are tabled as an annex to the budget.—Reuter.

### REMOVING OFFICE

Manila, Dec. 14.—The Cabinet today approved moving UNESCO East Asia Scientific Co-operation office from Nanking to Manila as requested by Dr. Julian Huxley, head of UNESCO.

The main function of this office is to co-ordinate scientific research in the Far East and serve as an information bureau of the United Nations on scientific matters.—United Press.

## NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of One Dollar per share and a Bonus of One Dollar per share on 75,000 Old Shares has been declared payable on the 15th December, 1948, free of tax.

The Share Transfer Books will be closed from Saturday, 4th December 1948 to Wednesday, 15th December 1948, (inclusive) for the purpose of the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th December 1948.

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